

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams  
Councilwoman at Large Betty Smith  
Councilman Eddie Harrington  
Councilman Dale Nielsen  
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

**Guest:** Ivory O’Neal- “Timon Project”

**Absent:** Councilman Christopher Petite

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Pastor Clemons led the invocation and Councilman Harrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the February 28, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman at Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Harrington.

A roll call vote was as follows:

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Petite</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>None</b>

Ivory O'neal and Dr. Megan Lowe of NSU presented information about the Timon Project.

The following Resolution was introduced by Smith and Seconded by Elie as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 017 OF 2022**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS WOMEN’S HISTORY  
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

**WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

**WHEREAS** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which created an impartial and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, Jr.**, of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim, that March is designated as

**Women’s History Month**

in the City of Natchitoches and I call upon all citizens to observe this month and to invite all citizens to visit [www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov](http://www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov) to learn more about the vital contribution of women to our Nation’s history.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Petite</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of March, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

Women's History Month Proclamation was presented to Captain Susan Johnson of Natchitoches Police Department.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 013 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS UNSAFE  
AND RECOMMENDING THAT SAME BE DEMOLISHED OR PUT INTO  
REPAIR TO COMPLY WITH THE BUILDING CODE, AUTHORIZING  
NOTICE TO BE SERVED, FIXING HEARING DATE AND APPOINTING  
CURATOR TO REPRESENT ABSENTEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Planning & Zoning and City Building Inspector have filed written reports with the City Council declaring that the buildings listed below are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and endangering the public welfare, and recommending that said buildings be demolished or put in repair to comply with the Building Code, to-wit:

1. Sterling Bank  
Clayton Branch  
50 S. Bemiston Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105

Lot 91.3 Feet front West side 2<sup>nd</sup> St., bounded N by Martin, ET AL, W. Duplex St. & City property & S by Scarborough & Tauzin, as shown on a plat in CB 257 Pg. 410 & A lot Adjoining the NW Portion of the above described lot have A South line of 129.3 Ft. A West Line of 65.7 Ft., A north Line of 110.5 Ft. and A East Line of 63 Ft. (312 Second St.)

Shontrell Roque spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 013 of 2021, the process of condemnation. Councilwoman at Large Smith and Councilman Harrington expressed their ideas about the property in Ordinance No. 013 of 2021.

Evan Murphy commented about activities that have been taking place at and near the location.

Carl Sias spoke in reference to permits and inspections being required.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 014 OF 2022**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY**  
**OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD**  
**THE BID FOR FY 2021 – 2022 PHASE 1 STREET REHABILITATION**  
**(BID NO. 0641)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No.006 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on January 24, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for FY 2021 – 2022 Phase 1 Street Rehabilitation (Bid No. 0641) and;

**WHEREAS**, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, January 27, February 3, and February 10, 2022 in accordance with law; and

**WHEREAS**, five bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- (1) Williams Equipment Services, LLC  
Anacoco, LA .....\$1,177,046.23
  
- (2) Regional Construction, LLC  
Natchitoches, LA .....\$1,212,112.15
  
- (3) Skyplex Trucking, LLC  
Natchitoches, LA .....\$1,237,532.90
  
- (4) T. L. Construction, LLC  
Alexandria, LA .....\$1,364,896.05
  
- (5) Progressive Construction Company, LLC  
Alexandria, LA .....\$1,424,195.85

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2022 the appointed committee of Sonya McClellan, Controller; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Donald Forest, Director of Public Works; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman at Large, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for FY 2021 – 2022 Phase 1 Street Rehabilitation (Bid No. 0641) and;

**WHEREAS**, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Williams Equipment Services, LLC** in the amount of **\$1,177,046.23**.

Carl Sias asked Council about thickness of overlay of streets. Donald Forest responded to Mr. Sias' question.



The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 015 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY  
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD  
THE BID FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SUPPLIES  
(BID NO. 0644)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No.007 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on January 24, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0644); and

**WHEREAS**, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, January 27, February 3, and February 10, 2022 in accordance with law; and

**WHEREAS**, one bid proposal was received and opened as follows:

- (6) Dean Nida & Associates, LLC  
Sarasota, FL .....\$34,050.00

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2022 the appointed committee of Sonya McClellan, Controller; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0644); and

**WHEREAS**, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Dean Nida and Associates** in the amount of **\$34,050.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for acceptance of this bid.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE #016 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTIONS 6-10: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR NONCOMMISSIONED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS TO ISSUE MISDEMEANOR SUMMONS AND/OR NOTICES; AND 6-11: NONCOMMISSIONED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ENFORCEMENT FOR MISDEMEANOR VIOLATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the safety of residents, citizens, and/or visitors domiciled, residing in or visiting the City of Natchitoches is of paramount importance;

**WHEREAS**, ensuring police officers are not diverted from road patrol and enforcement of serious crimes by responding to misdemeanor animal control offenses;

**WHEREAS**, providing noncommissioned Animal Control Officers the authority to issue misdemeanor citations and/or notices for violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances will increase law enforcement efficiency and provide for greater protection for the residents, citizens, and visitors to the City of Natchitoches;

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City of Natchitoches, under the authority of the police power of the City of Natchitoches, to create conditions favorable to the health, safety, and welfare of and for the residents, citizens, and visitors to the City of Natchitoches.

**BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AND ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following: Section 6-10: Delegation of Authority, which will read, as follows:

“Section 6-10 – Delegation of Authority: The City of Natchitoches City Council hereby authorizes employees occupying the position of noncommissioned Animal Control Officer the authority to issue misdemeanor citations and/or notices to appear to any person violating any section of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances.”

**BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following: Section 6-11: Limited Police Powers for Noncommissioned Animal Control Officers, which will read, as follows:

“The City of Natchitoches City Council hereby authorizes employees occupying the position of noncommissioned Animal Control Officers the following, limited, police powers:

- a. Issue citations and misdemeanor summonses for the enforcement of any violation of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances, within the City limits of the City of Natchitoches;
- b. Obtain warrants for violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances;
- c. Assist City of Natchitoches law enforcement personnel in making arrests for violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances, when requested to do so; and
- d. Submit affidavits to the courts regarding violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED**, that this ordinance shall become effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

This ordinance introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Natchitoches on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

This ordinance is scheduled for a public hearing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

This ordinance was adopted by the City of Natchitoches City Council on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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Stacy McQueary - Clerk

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Ronnie Williams - Mayor

Police Chief Nikeo Collins provided Clarification on Ordinance No. 016 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 017 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2022 OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THAT INSTRUMENT TITLED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND NATCHITOCHES CFA LLC, WHICH AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR COST SHARING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING TRAFFIC AND DRAINAGE, WHICH IMPROVEMENTS WILL SERVE THE PROPOSED RESTAURANT FACILITY AT THE CORNER OF E. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND HIGHWAY 494, AS WELL AS PROVIDE FOR UPGRADES TO THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCOMMODATE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR. TO EXECUTE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches adopted Ordinance No. 12 of 2022 on February 28, 2022 (the “**Prior Ordinance**”) authorizing the City to enter into the Agreement (defined below); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Prior Ordinance identified the party entering into the Agreement with the City as “Chick-fil-A, Inc.,” and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the correct party to the Agreement is Natchitoches CFA LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company (sometimes hereinafter “**Chick-fil-A**”); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City desires to amend and restate the Prior Ordinance in its entirety to reflect the correct names of the parties thereto; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, Chick-fil-A plans to construct a new restaurant facility to be located at the corner of E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Louisiana Highway 494 (sometimes hereinafter “**Project**”) in an area within the corporate limits of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER,** in order to meet the traffic and drainage needs of the Project, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“**LADOTD**”) is requiring Chick-fil-A extend or upgrade existing City infrastructure, including upgrades or extensions of roadways and underwater detention and drainage to mitigate any stormwater impact (the “**Site Development**”); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER,** Chick-fil-A has requested in writing that the City assist in sharing the costs of construction of the Site Development; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER,** the City has ascertained that the Site Development is a non-negotiable requirement of the LADOTD that will increase the costs of the Project substantially for Chick-fil-A; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER,** the City and Chick-fil-A have agreed in principle to share the cost of construction of the Site Development to the mutual benefits of the parties; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER,** the City has determined that the future sales tax revenues and jobs created by the Project ensure it will receive greater or equal value than it expends pursuant to the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER,** the attached agreement entitled “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Chick-fil-A, Inc.” (sometimes hereinafter “**Agreement**”) provides for cost sharing between the parties for the Site Development; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER,** under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the City (the “**Governing Authority**”) is of the opinion that the Agreement with Chick-fil-A will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and will further provide for an extension and upgrade of the existing infrastructure of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Governing Authority has determined the City will receive greater or equal value in return for any expenditures required under the Agreement; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the execution of the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and any and all other documents necessary to complete the transaction in the name of and on behalf of the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended and restated in its entirety by this Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

Alex Washington provided clarification on Ordinance No. 017 of 2022.



The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 018 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO THE WORKERS WITHIN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES EMPLOYED IN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, Section 1310 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1310) requires that when “there has been a change in operations upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the governing authority shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to reflect such change;” and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, Section 2.10 of the Charter of the Home Rule Charter of the City, approved by the charter commission of the city on July 7, 1975 and the voters at the election of November 1, 1975, requires that any appropriation of funds by the City be enacted by an ordinance of the City Council of the City, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “**Governing Authority**”); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America, appropriated Seven hundred ninety-five thousand and nine hundred nineteen dollars and fifty cents (\$795,919.50) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “ARPA Essential Worker Funding”) for the purposes of providing compensation to workers in **critical infrastructure sectors who regularly perform in person work, interact with others at work, or physically handle items handled by others** (the “**Essential Worker Compensation**”). Critical infrastructure sectors include healthcare, education and childcare, transportation, sanitation, grocery and food production, and public health and safety, among others as determined by the “chief executive (or equivalent) of a recipient government” as set forth in the Interim Final Rule issued by the Department of the Treasury on May 17, 2021 and further clarified in the Final Rule issued by the Department of the Treasury, effective April 1, 2022 (the “**Critical Infrastructure Sectors**”); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the workers in Critical Infrastructure Sectors employed within the City, as determined by the Mayor of the City as chief executive, are the proper recipients of the Essential Worker Compensation; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the Essential Worker Compensation, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the administrative designee of the Mayor appointed, or to be appointed, with the approval of this Governing Authority (the “**Finance Director**”).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby appropriates the Essential Worker Compensation, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director, to workers within the City employed in Critical Infrastructure Sectors, as determined by the Mayor; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the Essential Worker Compensation and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, to the workers within the City employed in Critical Infrastructure Sectors, as determined by the Mayor; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

This ordinance was introduced on the \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

This ordinance having been submitted on a roll call vote, the vote thereupon was as follows, to-wit:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_ ayes to \_\_\_\_ nays, on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS JR., MAYOR**

Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr. explained in detail Ordinance No. 018 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 019 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSAL OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA.R.S. 47:2201, ET SEQ. (DISPOSAL OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "City") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana being a Home Rule Charter municipality created pursuant to the Constitution and Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches desires to establish a procedure for the sale and donation of adjudicated property pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2201, et seq.,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City of Natchitoches in due, legal and regular session convened, that Article IX-Disposal of Adjudicated Property Sections 2-127 through 2-140 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances are adopted to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-127. - Sale or donation of interest in Adjudicated Property**

Upon authorization by the City Council of Natchitoches, the Mayor or his/her designee is authorized to execute deeds for the sale of the City's interest in property that has been adjudicated to the City and the procedure for the sale provided in R.S. 47:2201 et seq. has been followed, including but not limited to giving notice to persons who have an interest in the property.

**Sec. 2-128. Procedure for sale of tax title to Adjudicated Property.**

A. Any person interested in purchasing tax title to adjudicated property may apply to the Mayor or his/her designee as follows:

- (1) Submit an application containing the following information:
  - a. Name of applicant;
  - b. Address, telephone number, and email address for applicant;
  - c. Description of property for which the tax title to sought to be acquired, including:
    - i. Legal description
    - ii. Assessor's geographical number
- (2) Pay the estimated expenses of the sale, including but not limited to advertising

and other costs associated with the sale.

B. Upon authorization and the setting of a price and/or bid amount in accordance with La. R.S. 17:2201, et seq. by the City Council of Natchitoches, the Mayor or his/her designee will notify the applicant and proceed as follows:

(1) Set the public sale for a specific date and time not less than 45 days from notice to the applicant.

(2) Advertise the public sale twice in the official journal of the City of Natchitoches as follows:

a. Once at least thirty days prior to the date of the public sale;

b. Once no more than seven days prior to the date of the public sale; and

c. The advertisement shall provide for the minimum bid, the latest date and time that written bids will be accepted, the mandatory use of the prescribed adjudicated property bid form, the time and date of in-person bidding and any other terms of the sale.

(2) Establish and provide an adjudicated property bid form for use by bidders.

(3) Receive until the date and time of the public sale the sealed bids as provided in Paragraph D below. The Mayor or his/her designee shall give a written receipt for any hand-delivered sealed bid that is received no later than the date, and time set in the notice.

(4) On the date and time set in the notice, open and publicly read aloud the sealed bids.

(5) Announce the high bid that contains or meets all the published requirements, including but not limited to payment by certified funds of the bid and any estimated expenses of the sale.

(6) Promptly deposit all funds received from all bidders. Refunds shall be issued in a reasonable time to all bidders other than the successful bidder.

C. Any person desiring to submit a bid for purchase of tax title to Adjudicated Property as provided above shall:

(1) Submit in a sealed envelope a completed and signed adjudicated property bid form and certified funds (cashier's check or money order) for the amount of the bid and estimated expenses of the sale (except for the original applicant who only shall include the amount of the bid).

(2) Write on the outside of the sealed envelope the name, address, telephone number of the bidder, and the Assessor's geo. number for the subject property. The amount of the bid shall not be written on the outside of the envelope. Any sealed envelope on which the amount of the bid is written or otherwise indicated shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

- (3) Deliver the sealed envelope by hand, mail, commercial courier, or other means to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Mayor at the address provided on the adjudicated property bid form by the date and time in the published notice. Bidders are responsible for the timely submission of their bids. Submissions received after that date and time shall be returned unopened to the address on the outside of the envelope.

D. The Mayor or his/her designee shall deliver to the high bidder a packet containing the required forms, deadlines, and other requirements for completion of the purchase of the tax title to adjudicated property. The high bidder shall comply with the requirements of La.R.S. 47:2206-7. If a given property requires six months' notice under La.R.S. 47:2206, the high bidder shall have 240 days from the date of the bid opening to complete the process required by La.R.S. 47:2207. If a given property requires 60 days' notice under La.R.S. 47:2206, the high bidder shall have 120 days from the date of the bid opening to complete the process required by La.R.S. 47:2207. Failure of a high bidder to timely complete the process after notice will constitute abandonment of the process. Abandonment of the process will result in forfeit of the funds held by the City and in the property being eligible for purchase in a subsequent process.

**Sec.2-129. - Application fee for the Donation or Sale of Adjudicated Property**

(a) The City of Natchitoches does hereby authorize the collection of an application fee in the amount of \$300 for the donation of adjudicated property.

(b) The City of Natchitoches does hereby authorize the collection of an application fee in the amount of \$300 for the sale of adjudicated property through its regular process which results in the transfer of a tax title.

(c) \$100 of the aforesaid fee shall be made available to the Mayor or his/her designee to publicize the adjudicated property program to the citizens of the City of Natchitoches.

**Sec. 2-130. - Definitions.**

(a) *Applicant* means a person or organization who applies to acquire property from the City under the provisions of this article.

(b) *Adjudicated property* means property which has been adjudicated to the City by the Natchitoches Tax Commission, tax collector under the provisions of R.S. 48(47):2196.

(c) *Property* means for the purpose of this article property which has been adjudicated under R.S. 47:2196 to the City of Natchitoches by the Natchitoches Tax Commission, tax collector for the City.

**Sec. 2-131.- Agreement; Adjudicated Property not subject to an Existing Request for Sale.**

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to purchase the property for the appraised value plus all adjudication costs incurred by the Natchitoches Tax Commission at the time of the City of Natchitoches Property Tax Sale. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable deposit to the City of

Natchitoches which equals the obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and donating under R.S. 33:4712.

**Sec. 2-132. – Agreement; Donation; Adjudicated Property not subject to an Existing Request for Sale**

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to acquire property by donation. The applicant shall deposit a non-refundable amount to be determined by the City to be sufficient to cover the expenses of the sale including advertising, appraisals, and other costs associated with the donation.

**Sec. 2-133. - Appraisal.**

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the Mayor or his/her designee shall:

- (1) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (2) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the City and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (3) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and selling under R.S. 33:4712.

**Sec. 2-134. - Review.**

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the Mayor or his designee shall:

- (1) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (2) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the City and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (3) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and donating under R.S. 33:4712.

**Sec. 2-135. - Application to acquire by donation.**

Any person interested in acquiring property from the City under this article shall submit an application to the city containing the following information:

- (1) Name of applicant;
- (2) Address, telephone number, and email address for applicant;
- (3) Verification of status as a not-for-profit entity including proof of qualification under IRC 501(c)(3), if applicable.

- (4) Description of properties sought to be acquired (including correct street address and legal description);

**Sec. 2-136. - Review.**

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the department of public works shall:

- (1) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (2) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the City and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (3) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and donating under R.S. 33:4712.

**Sec. 2-137. - Agreement.**

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to acquire property by donation. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable deposit to the City which equals the estimate of costs under R.S. 47:2236 and selling under R.S. 33:4712. If the applicant proposes to include the properties in an affordable rental housing program, the agreement will include the applicant's agreement to a payment in lieu of taxes equal to 40 percent of the amount of ad valorem taxes which would have been assessed on the property were the property to be owned by a for profit entity.

**Sec. 2-138. - Acquisition of full ownership by the city.**

On receipt of a signed agreement and non-refundable deposit from the applicant, the city shall initiate the process of acquiring full ownership for the City under R.S. 47:2236.

**Sec. 2-139. - Donation of full ownership by the city.**

On completion of the process under Section 2-135 et seq. and R.S. 47:2236, the City will initiate the process of donating the property to the applicant under R.S. 33:4712. Any property acquired by the City under this article shall be deemed surplus and not required for a public purpose. The City will transfer ownership of the property to the applicant on successful completion of the process under this section. Should the tax debtor or anyone else redeem the property under R.S. 47:2246, the City will return to the applicant any portion of the estimated costs under R.S. 47:2236 which are paid by the tax debtor under R.S. 47:2246.

**Sec. 2-140. - Sale of interest in Adjudicated Property to Adjoining Landowner.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions applicable to the adjudication of property, the following procedures shall apply to the sale of the City's interest in properties which have been adjudicated to the city for non-payment of taxes, when application is made by an adjoining landowner for a sale under this division:

- (1) The mayor is authorized to execute deeds for the sale to an adjoining landowner of the City's interest in an adjudicated property when the following conditions have been met:



a. The applicant is an adjoining landowner who has maintained the adjudicated property in accordance with this article for a period of one year;

b. To apply for the sale of an adjudicated property under this section, the owner of the adjoining property must produce no fewer than three sworn affidavits attesting to the adjoining landowner's maintenance of the adjudicated property. One affidavit must be attested to by the adjoining landowner. The other affidavits shall be from owners or lessees of the property in the immediate vicinity of the adjudicated property. The affidavits must state that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property in accordance with the provisions of subsection a. The affidavit of the owner or lessee of the property in the immediate vicinity of the adjudicated property must also contain a statement that the owner or lessee has been in possession for a period of at least one year of the property owned by the owner or leased by the lessee;

c. The procedure for the sale provided in R.S. 47:2201 et seq. has been followed, including but not limited to giving notice to persons who have an interest in the property.

(2) For purposes of this section only, the following words or phrases shall have the following meanings:

*Adjoining landowners* are any owners of adjoining property to the adjudicated property that is the subject of sale under this chapter.

*Adjoining property* shall be the parcels of land sharing contiguous boundaries with the adjudicated property that is the subject of the sale.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and shall apply to any application or sale that is initiated after the effective date of this ordinance. Any application or sale pending on the effective date of this ordinance shall continue under pre- existing procedures and authority.

**WHEREAS**, this proposed ordinance shall be read by title and published in full or by title. This proposed ordinance shall not be considered for final passage until it has laid over at least seven (7) days from its publication and unless a public hearing has been held on the ordinance. This Ordinance was presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronne Williams, Jr. declared the ordinance passed/failed by a vote of \_\_\_\_ yeas to \_\_\_\_ nays on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

Delivered to the Mayor on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m

Shontrell Roque explained Ordinance No. 019 of 2022.

Charles McQueen asked has the property been appraised.

Carl Sias spoke about lots he purchased in Detroit, MI. and his opposition to the fees.

Alex Washington responded to Carl Sias questions.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 020 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THAT INSTRUMENT TITLED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, INC., WHICH AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES FROM THE UNITED STATES PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECURING AND PAYING REVENUE BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, INC.; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR. TO EXECUTE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has entered into a lease agreement (the “**Lease**”) with the United States Parks Department which will provide for the renovation of a long-standing City property to house the operation of a museum within the City (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Inc. (“**IDB**”) is a municipal development board organized pursuant to Section 1151 et seq. of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDB exists, in part, to acquire, own, lease, rent, repair, renovate, improve, finance, sell, and dispose of properties to the end that it may be able to attract and retain business and commercial enterprises in the City to maintain and expand employment and the economy in the area (the “**Purposes**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the IDB has the authority to issue bonds to facilitate the financing of the Project in furtherance of its Purposes;; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to cooperate with the IDB in the implementation of the Project via the issuance of revenue bonds by the IDB to be secured by and payable from the revenues generated by the Lease; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached agreement entitled “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Inc.” (sometimes hereinafter “**Agreement**”) provides for the assignment of revenues from the Lease to the IDB in exchange for the IDB’s issuance of revenue bonds to facilitate the financing of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has the authority to enter into this Agreement under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City, as evidenced by its governmental purpose of expanding employment and the economy in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the City (the “**Governing Authority**”) is of the opinion that the Agreement will promote tourism and expand employment and the economy in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and will further provide for the renovation of an existing City property; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Governing Authority has determined the City will receive greater or equal value in return for any expenditures required under the Agreement; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the execution of the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and any and all other documents necessary to complete the transaction in the name of and on behalf of the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which

can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

This ordinance was introduced on the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022.

This ordinance having been submitted on a roll call vote, the vote thereupon was as follows, to-wit:

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_ ayes to \_\_\_\_ nays, on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS JR., MAYOR**

Mayor Williams and Alex Washington spoke in reference to Ordinance NO. 020 of 2022

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 021 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF POWER AND ENERGY BETWEEN CLECO POWER LLC AND THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches operates a municipal electric utility for the purpose of providing electric power to its residential, governmental, commercial and industrial customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City provides transmission, and distribution services within and without the city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and CLECO Power, LLC, have negotiated the Power Supply Agreement, which said agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City, and said agreement is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that the said Power Supply Agreement is in the best interest of the City and further agrees that the Power Supply Agreement should be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council in legal session convened, that the said Power Supply Agreement for Sale of Power and Energy Between CLECO Power LLC and the City of Natchitoches be and the same is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized and empowered to represent the City of Natchitoches and to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City, a copy of which Power Supply Agreement is hereby attached and made a part of this Ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized and empowered to do all other things necessary or proper in the premises to implement and place this Power Supply Agreement in effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a Public Hearing is hereby fixed for the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, which is the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



Matt Anderson explained the process of Ordinance No. 021 of 2022

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Elie as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 018 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CAUSTIC SODA  
FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**BID NO. 0647**

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to advertise for bids for Caustic Soda for the Water Treatment Plant, Bid No. 0647; and

**WHEREAS**, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 71457; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the project until 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

**WHEREAS**, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 pm, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 held at the above mentioned Office of the Director of Purchasing; and

**WHEREAS**, upon receipt of proposals the committee of Sonya McClellan, Controller; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Rosemary Elie, Councilwoman; and Matt Anderson, Utility Director, are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Petite</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of March, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO 019 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAMAL DEEP TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF WAYNE MCCULLEN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches, in its endeavors to promote and attract industry, organized the Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Inc. (the "IDB"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchitoches City Council affirmed the appointment of the members of the Board of Directors of the IDB by Resolution No. 016 of 2012, adopted on April 23, 2012 and fixed the terms of the Directors of the IDB by Resolution No. 063 of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, due to Wayne McCullen’s resignation from the IDB, there exists a vacancy on such board; and

**WHEREAS**, The Natchitoches City Council wishes to appoint Kamal Deep as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches; and

**WHEREAS**, this term is to expire on April 23, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches does, in legal session convened, hereby appoint Kamal Deep to fill the unexpired term of Wayne McCullen as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, for the remainder of the term ending April 23, 2024.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Petite</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of March, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

Mayor Williams provided a brief Bio of Kamal Deep.

Mr. Kamal Deep spoke and provided information about his expertise.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Elie as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 020 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR, TO PERFORM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THOSE ACTS AND ASSUME ANY AND ALL DUTIES IN DEALING WITH THE AWARD WITH DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR - 2021 FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM CYCLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Delta Regional Authority (hereinafter "DRA") was created by Congress by the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 252 counties and parishes within the eight states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region's economy;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches, acting by and through its City Council, proposes to apply for an award with Delta Regional Authority for the Fiscal Year 2021 federal award program cycle;

**WHEREAS**, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award and on behalf of the Awardee;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in regular session on March 14, 2022, where by: Mrs. Elie, Mr. Nielsen, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Harrington were present, constituting a quorum;

**WHEREAS**, a motion was made by Mr. Nielsen, and seconded by Mrs. Elie, to designate and appoint Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, to perform all duties and administration of said award, which carried unanimously by voice vote and was recorded on the minutes.

**WHEREAS**, a motion was made by Mr. Nielsen, and seconded by Mrs. Elie, to provide additional funds of \$65,000.00 to said award which carried unanimously by voice vote and was recorded on the minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, a motion was made by Mr. Nielsen, and was seconded by Mrs. Elie, that in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches as follows:

**THAT**, Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby designated and appointed to perform on behalf of the City of Natchitoches and has the authority to make those acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with DRA for the Fiscal Year - 2021 federal award program cycle;

**THAT**, Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year – 2021 federal award program cycle;

**THAT**, the Awardee agrees to provide additional funds in the amount of \$65,000.00 to said award;

**THAT**, in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Petite</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of March, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

#### CERTIFICATE

We the undersigned do certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Natchitoches, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Ronnie Williams Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 021 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE “CITY”), TO ISSUE UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSANDS DOLLARS (\$935,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND ACQUIRING ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**City**”) now owns and operates a combined waterworks plant and system, electric power and light plant and system and sewer utility system (the “**System**”) as a revenue-producing work of public improvement of the City;

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined a need to construct, acquire, extend and/or improve the sewerage portion of the System (the “**Project**”);

**WHEREAS**, this City Council of the City, acting as governing authority (the “**Governing Authority**”) of the City, proposes that Utilities Revenue Bonds will be issued by the City in the manner prescribed by and under the authority of the Consolidated Local Government Public Finance Act (La. R.S. 39:501 *et seq.*), and other constitutional and statutory authority (the “**Act**”), payable solely from the income and revenues of the System, subject to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the “**Net Revenues**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of the City now desires to give notice of intention pursuant to the Act to issue not to exceed Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$935,000) of Utilities Revenue Bonds to finance the Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Authority of the City, that:

**§1. Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds.** Pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, the Governing Authority of the City does hereby declare its intention to issue not to exceed Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$935,000) Utilities Revenue Bonds (the “**Bonds**”), in the name of the City, in one or more series, the proceeds of which will be used to pay a portion of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the System, including equipment and fixtures (the “**Project**”).

All of the Bonds shall be limited and special revenue bonds of the City, secured by and payable in principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, solely from the Net Revenues of the System. The Bonds shall not be a charge on the other income and revenues of the City as prohibited under the provisions of Article VI, Section 37 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, nor shall they constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the City. The Bonds shall be of such series, bear such dates, mature at such time or times, not to exceed twenty-two (22) years from their date of issuance, bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding ninety-five hundredths of one per centum (0.95%) per annum, be sold at such price or prices, be in such denomination or denominations, be in fully registered form, carry such registration privileges, be payable in such medium of payment and at such place or places, be subject to such terms of redemption and be entitled to such priorities on the income and revenues of the System as the City may provide by ordinance(s) adopted at the time or times of issuance of the Bonds.

The City will, in such ordinance(s), enter into such covenants with the future owner or owners of the Bonds as to the management and operation of the System, the imposition and collection of rates and charges for the products, commodities, or services rendered thereby, the disposition of such fees and revenues, the issuance of future bonds and the creation of future liens and encumbrances against the System and the revenues thereof, the carrying of insurance on the properties constituting the System, the disposition of the proceeds of insurance, and other pertinent matters as may be deemed proper by this Governing Authority to assure the marketability of the Bonds, consistent with the provisions of the Act and other applicable laws and regulations. Such ordinance(s) will also include remedies in case of default, provision for the issuance of parity bonds, and such additional covenants, agreements and provisions as are judged advisable or necessary by the City for the security of the registered owners of the Bonds, including sinking funds and reserves for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and an adequate depreciation fund for those repairs, extensions and improvements to the System as may be necessary to assure adequate and efficient service to the public, all as provided by the Act.

**§2. Sale of Bonds.** The Bonds are expected to be sold at a private sale to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and may be issued and sold in installments as needed, all as provided for in the Act and other statutory authority.

**§3. Notice of Intention.** The City is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to publish an appropriate notice of the intention of the City (the “**Notice of Intention**”) to issue the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and the Act. Such notice of intention shall be published in four consecutive weekly issues of the official journal of the City and shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, with any such changes as may be necessary upon the advice of bond counsel.

**§4. Public Hearing.** Following the publication requirements set forth in Section 3 hereof, this Governing Authority will meet in an open and public session at the City Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regular or special meeting of the Governing Authority on the date set forth in the Notice of Intention, to hear any objections to the proposed issuance of the Bonds; provided, however, if at such hearing a petition or petitions duly signed by the electors of the City in an aggregate number not less than five percent (5%) of the number of the electors of the City voting in the last election held in the City object to the issuance of the Bonds, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by a vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the City who vote at a special election held for that purpose in the manner provided by Chapter 6-B, Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. Any such petition shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Natchitoches Parish Registrar of Voters certifying that the signers of the petition are registered electors of the City and the number of signers amounts to not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters that voted in the last election held in the City, all as provided by the Act.

**§5. Louisiana State Bond Commission.** Application is hereby made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission (“**Bond Commission**”), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of not to exceed Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$935,000) Utilities Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City, to mature not to exceed twenty-two (22) years from the date thereof and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed ninety-five hundredths of one per cent (0.95%) per annum, as described above. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to Bond Commission, together with a request for prompt consideration and approval of this application.

By virtue of the City's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that the City understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns, to full and continuing compliance with the “State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.”, adopted by the State Bond Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

**§6. Employment of Bond Counsel.** The Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Washington & Wells, LLC, of Shreveport, Louisiana, are hereby employed as Bond Counsel to the City to do and perform comprehensive legal and co-ordinate professional work of a traditional legal nature with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof, and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality of the issuance thereof.

The fee of Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed the fees provided by the Attorney General's Guidelines for Fees and Services of Bond Attorneys for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue bonds, said fee to be payable solely out of funds derived from the sale of the Bonds and to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery thereof. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the chief financial officer of the City is hereby empowered and directed to make payment to said counsel of the fees herein provided for under the conditions herein enumerated.



**§7. Municipal Advisor.** It is hereby recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of a municipal advisor in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The firm of Government Consultants, Inc. is hereby appointed as municipal advisor (the “Municipal Advisor”) in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Any compensation to the Municipal Advisor is to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and is contingent upon issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; and all costs incurred by the Municipal Advisor in conjunction with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds must be reasonable and approved by this Governing Authority.

**§8. Conflict of Interest.** The Governing Authority hereby acknowledges its understanding that Alex Washington, Esq., the City Attorney for the City, is a founding partner currently employed by Bond Counsel. The Governing Authority finds and determines that no conflict of interest is created by Bond Counsel’s employment herein and Mr. Washington’s employment as City Attorney.

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Said Resolution having been read and considered by a quorum of the City Council, on motion to adopt by Mr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Smith, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Petite

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this, the 14th day of March, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

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Stacy McQueary, Clerk

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Ronnie Williams, Mayor



**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Natchitoches, Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**City**”), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of:

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE “CITY”), TO ISSUE UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSANDS DOLLARS (\$935,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND ACQUIRING ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**IN FAITH WHEREOF**, witness my official signature on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**Stacy McQueary, Clerk**

**Exhibit A**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE  
NOT EXCEEDING \$935,000 OF  
UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS OF THE  
CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

As provided by a resolution adopted on March 14, 2022, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "**City**"), acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**") of the City, the City HEREBY DECLARES ITS INTENTION to issue not to exceed Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$935,000) of Utilities Revenue Bonds, in one or more series (the "**Bonds**"), for the purpose of paying the cost of making additions, extensions and improvements to the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system of the City, including equipment and fixtures.

The Bonds will be limited and special revenue bonds of the City, secured by and payable solely from the revenues of the City's combined sewer and sewage treatment system, water plant and distribution system and electric light and power plant (the "**System**"), after there have been paid from those revenues the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the "**Net Revenues**"). The Bonds will not be a charge on the other income and revenues of the City, nor shall they constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the City. The Bonds will be issued pursuant to the Consolidated Local Government Public Finance Act (La. R.S. 39:501 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or other applicable laws (collectively, the "**Act**").

The Bonds will be issued and authorized by ordinance(s) adopted by the Governing Authority of the City, in one or more series, will mature up to twenty-two (22) years from their date of issuance, will bear interest at rates up to ninety-five hundredths of one per centum (0.95%), and will be subject to prepayment anytime without penalty. Proceeds of the Bonds may also be used to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

As provided by the Act, all of the other details of the Bonds will be set forth in the ordinance(s) authorizing their issuance, including the following: covenants relating to the management and operation of the System, the imposition and collection of rates and charges from the System's customers, the expenditure of such rates and charges, the issuance of future bonds and the creation of future liens and encumbrances against the System and all other pertinent matters as may be necessary to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are expected to be sold at a private sale, as provided for in the Act, to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and the Bonds will also be approved by the State Bond Commission prior to their delivery. THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Governing Authority of the City will meet in open and public session on **MARCH 14, 2022 at FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, at the Natchitoches City Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, to hear any objections to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. If at such hearing a petition duly signed by electors of the City in a number not less than five percent (5%) of the number of such electors voting in the last election held in the City object to the issuance of the Bonds, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved at an election held for that purpose. Any such petition must be accompanied by a certificate of the Natchitoches Parish Registrar of Voters certifying that the signers of the petition(s) are registered electors of the City and the number of signers amounts to not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters that voted in the last election held in the City, all as provided by the Act.

CITY OF NATCHITOCHES,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Elie and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 022 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO HIRE COTHREN GRAFF AND SMOAK, INC. FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FOR GRANT SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING TO THE LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches is desirous of submitting an application to the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the application is to seek grant funding and/or revenue for funding for re-development of Richardson Park on Lake Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the necessary scope of work to be implemented by Cothren Graff and Smoak, Inc. is design and engineering services required to construct the stated improvements requested to be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, the commitment for this scope of work is projected to be in the amount of \$36,000.00 and is subject to being approved for funding under the stated program;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Natchitoches has hired Cothren Graff and Smoak, Inc. to provide design and engineering services subject to successful funding relative to the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Natchitoches offers its full support of a grant application submitted by the City of Natchitoches to the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized to sign the grant application on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Petite</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of March, 2022.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 023 OF 2022

RIVER SOUTH COMMONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE LEASE OR RENTAL, THE CONSUMPTION AND STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ON SALES OF SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF RIVER SOUTH COMMONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART II, CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT SUCH SALES AND USE TAX; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**WHEREAS**, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the “**EDD Act**”) authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 33:9038.39 of the EDD Act permits economic development districts to levy sales and use taxes for authorized purposes in addition to any other sales and use taxes then in existence or permitted to be in existence therein, and provided that in the event there are no qualified electors in the district in question, as certified by the Registrar of Voters, no election shall be required prior to the levy of such sales and use taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the EDD Act, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**City**”), adopted an ordinance on February 28, 2022, which created the River South Commons Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the “**District**”), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, intends to levy a one percent (1%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District commencing on January 1, 2023, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to sales and use taxes levied by the District (the “**District Tax**”) for the purposes of funding construction of, acquisition of, and upgrades to capital improvement and economic development projects within the District’s boundaries and any and all authorized purposes under the applicable provisions of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*), all in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, desires to give notice of intention relative to the aforesaid action;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City and the District, that:

**SECTION 1. Intention to Levy Sales and Use Tax.** In accordance with the EDD Act, and particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.39, this City Council, in its capacity as governing authority of the District, does hereby give notice of its intention to levy and collect the District Tax within the District.

**SECTION 2. Notice of Intention.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intention, in substantially the following form, which notice shall be published in two consecutive weekly issues of the City's official journal, starting at least fourteen (14) days before the date when this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, will meet in open and public session to hear any objections to the aforesaid actions:

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**RIVER SOUTH COMMONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 33:9038.39**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY SALES AND USE TAX**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "***City Council***"), acting as the governing authority of River South Commons Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "***District***") will meet at its meeting place, Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 71457 on April 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., at which time the District intends to take action regarding the levy and collection of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District commencing on January 1, 2023, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to sales and use taxes levied by the District, for the purposes of funding construction of, acquisition of, and upgrades to capital improvement and economic development projects within the District's boundaries and any and all authorized purposes under the applicable provisions of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*).

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**SECTION 3. Public Hearing.** At the date, time, and place mentioned in the aforesaid Notice of Intention, or at such other time and place as may be determined by the Mayor and properly advertised, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, will meet in open and public session, to hear any objections to the levy and collection of the District Tax within the boundaries of the District, as described above.

**SECTION 4. Authorization of Officers.** The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and the City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.



**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and the City Clerk.

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Said Resolution having been read and considered by a quorum of the City Council, on motion to adopt by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mrs. Smith, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

**YEAS:** Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Petite

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this, the 14th day of March, 2022

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Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor

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Betty Sawyer-Smith., *Mayor Pro Tempore*

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

I, **STACY MCQUEARY**, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of River South Commons Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the “*District*”).

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District, adopted on March 14, 2022, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE LEASE OR RENTAL, THE CONSUMPTION AND STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ON SALES OF SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF RIVER SOUTH COMMONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART II, CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT SUCH SALES AND USE TAX; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**IN FAITH WHEREOF**, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of March, 2022.

Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

(Seal)

Announcements:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, March 28, 2022**.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**